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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Majority prices were slightly higher in the Northeast, unchanged in the West, and generally unchanged in the Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady at prevailing price levels. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate, fairly good where feature activity was planned. Supplies were fully adequate for current needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts and wings were sufficient but clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 27-SEP-2004 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Boston/New Eng	59.00-65.00	62.29	17	67.55
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.60	40	64.57
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			65.18
Denver	82.50	82.38	15	81.56
Detroit	60.00-62.00	61.88	16	67.60
Los Angeles	83.00	80.24	63	74.25
New York	61.00-64.00	63.26	27	65.42
Philadelphia	61.50-64.00	63.08	13	62.42
Pittsburgh	62.00-64.00	63.17	12	68.95
St. Louis	60.25-60.50	60.41	21	62.50
San Francisco	83.50	82.08	46	86.23

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/27/04	Change/Last Wk	09/20/04	09/29/03
642	69.92	.71	69.21	63.23

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	64.50-66.00	65.67	32
Central	62.00-69.00	67.24	76
Western	54.00-75.00	69.03	41

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	74.00-77.00	75.58	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 77.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,134	58.00-79.25	76.06

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	218.50	1,508
BREASTS - B/S	168.50	5,739
BREASTS - WHOLE	92.00	1,759
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.00	1,124
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	8,209
WINGS	107.50	3,034

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as fair at best as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were in good balance. The 3.5 pound and larger sizes were available and occasionally discounted to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair, best for refill activity. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items remained available at competitive prices. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to fully adequate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand into retail and food service was only fair and generally unaggressive. Supplies of all sizes were fully sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was generally fair. Breast items were at least adequate to available and remain competitively priced to stimulate additional movement. Dark meat items were at least sufficient. Wings improved and were clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last Mondays' levels. Trade sentiment was barely steady with trading reported on regular commitments at unchanged prices and new negotiations at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity was generally moderate. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers reported satisfactory week-end clearances. Parts trading reported for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 29.5-32 and 4/10s 31.75-32, leg meat 62-69, thigh meat 105-111, bone-in breast 85-95 and boneless 122-142. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 57.17 down 1.40 with the volume reported at 29 loads up 4 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were generally unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was cautiously steady with a weak undertone. Offerings were mixed on a very light trade call. Retail and food service demand light to mostly moderate, instances fairly good into food service. Floor stocks adequate to ample; weights were desirable. Parts activity was limited with current inventories moderate to heavy. Supplies were sufficient with breast cuts in the longest position. The market tone was steady on wings and dark meat, and barely steady to weak on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mixed but was no better than fair to moderate entering the week. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were light to moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were clearing satisfactorily; all other items were at least adequate to available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA	
BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	62-81
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	66.54
NO. OF BOXES	9,717

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally fair at best entering the week as dealers limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items remained fully sufficient. Drums and thighs were adequate to fully adequate, with the balance of dark meat cuts noted as at least sufficient. Tenderloins were available. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair, best for refill business. The market tone was cautious on breast items and tenderloins and mostly steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	139.72	492,595
TENDERLOINS	165	169.79	28,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	87.08	102,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	79.59	123,520
LEGS	45-46	38.99	203,242
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	32.91	300,763
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	32.64	156,160
THIGHS	24-25	38.05	70,600
B/S THIGHS	69-70	66.80	63,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	109.75	128,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.80	24,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.92	16,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.61	21,080

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,028	110.00-212.00	130-135	134.22
TENDERLOINS	442	158.00-214.00	172-180	174.40
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	886	19.00-30.00	26-27	26.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,135	25.00-31.00	27-30	27.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	685	70.00-108.00	-	102.53
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	180	20.00-23.00	20-21	20.89

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 09/23	ACTUAL 09/20	AVG WTS 09/16
Alabama	4,126	4,028	5.33	3,789	5.24
Arkansas	5,538	5,225	5.12	5,253	5.04
Delmarva	1,955	2,336	5.55	2,307	5.59
KY-LA-TN	2,126	2,002	5.03	2,006	4.68
Mississippi	3,075	3,054	5.44	3,082	4.97
North Carolina	2,533	2,482	6.32	2,423	6.38
Texas	2,497	2,545	5.15	2,484	5.09
Total	21,850	21,672	5.38	21,344	5.28
Mon	21,850 (A)			21,344(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Sep 2004 is estimated to be 32,690,000 up 2.06 percent from a week ago, and up 2.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,029,000 last year 31,887,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	672	113.00-200.00	120-125	126.24
TENDERLOINS	280	125.00-240.00	-	167.34
BREAST - LINE RUN	137	82.00-105.00	86-90	86.39
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	30.00-51.00	33-35	35.03
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	508	23.00-30.00	25-26	25.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,140	24.00-34.00	-	26.67
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	92.00-110.00	92-95	97.15
WINGS (CUT)	252	113.00-119.00	115-119	117.42
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.00 - 42.50	38.80	39.57

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 27-SEP-2004 TO 01-OCT-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	122.00 - 149.00	135.00 - 144.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	73.00 - 100.00	76.00 - 86.00
LEGS	39.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27.00 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 39.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	95.00 - 115.00	102.00 - 105.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS*	25.00 - 35.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	97.75-101.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	101.25-105.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	110
ICE PACK	105-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111
ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	93-95
ICE PACK	91-93
DUCKS	175-188

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2004

CHICKEN

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		16.25-18.50	20.00-22.00	1,020,000	580,000
WTD AVERAGE		17.29	21.27		
15-20%					
RANGE		17.00-21.00	17.00-19.00	1,996,000	1,196,000
WTD AVERAGE		18.43	18.23		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	17.50	320,000	-
WTD AVERAGE			17.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-SEP-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15	10.25-12	11.20
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2004

CHICKEN

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	15.00-19.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE			16.33		
15-20%					
RANGE		-	11.50-18.00	1,468,800	244,800
WTD AVERAGE			13.47		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-SEP-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-15	9.75-10.25	10.20

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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